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**Mission:** *Represent natural resource and environmental interests on the Missouri River and the associated uplands.*

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Fergus CD  
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**Authorization** - Conservation Districts (CDs) are authorized by MT State Law to preserve natural resources, control floods, prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs, preserve wildlife, protect the tax base, protect public lands, and protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of MT.

**BACKGROUND**

- Formed in 2000, we are a council of the 15 CDs bordering the Missouri River in MT. Members include a Supervisor from each CD plus representation from MT Assn of Conservation Districts, MT Dept of Natural Resources & Conservation, and USDA Natural Resource & Conservation Service.
- The MT reach of the Missouri River is 725 miles from the headwaters at Three Forks northeast to the ND border; is MT's largest geographic feature; joins with more than 15 tributaries; contains 9 dams, 1 Nat'l Monument, 1 Wild & Scenic River reach, 4 Nat'l Wildlife Refuges, 3 Indian Reservations, and 3 endangered species.
- We maintain relationships with Federal and State agencies, work with landowners and local stakeholders to ensure a grassroots base to land use decisions and stewardship, collaborate on specific local issues and projects, and represent Montana's Missouri River CDs throughout the entire 10-state Missouri River basin and nationally.

***Benefit to Montana** - Collective voice of 15 conservation districts working through Cooperation, Advisory Capacity, and Education to preserve natural resources and sustainable agriculture, while protecting the local tax base and public lands.*

**SELECT ACTIVITIES**

**Cooperation:** Developed addendum to \$50,000,000 Missouri-Madison CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program), of which \$10,000,000 is match from PPL MT, to make the program more suitable for MT producers and encourage enrollment.

**Advisory Capacity:** Represent MT CDs on Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee, 8-state committee authorized under Water Resources Development Act of 2007. Formed to guide prioritization, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and adaptation of recovery actions and ensure that public values are incorporated in the Missouri River Ecosystem Recovery Plan (Army Corp of Engineer, US Fish & Wildlife Service).

**Cooperation:** Formed and oversee Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge Community Working Group, where diverse interests convene to discuss management of the refuge and work to ensure vitality of both CMR NWR and surrounding communities.

**Education:** Working through partnerships and collaboration to reduce aquatic invasive species establishment and spread, specifically Eurasian Watermilfoil, potentially a multi-million dollar problem to the state of MT.

**UPPER REACH**

Gallatin Cons. District  
Broadwater Cons. District  
Lewis & Clark Cons. District  
Cascade Cons. District

**MIDDLE REACH**

Chouteau County Cons. District  
Big Sandy Cons. District  
Blaine County Cons. District  
Fergus Cons. District

**RESERVOIR REACH**

Petroleum County Cons. District  
Phillips Cons. District  
Garfield County Cons. District  
Valley County Cons. District

**LOWER REACH**

McCone Cons. District  
Roosevelt County Cons. District  
Richland County Cons. District